



## **PRESS RELEASE- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **LA. COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ADVISES ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS ABOUT COYOTES**

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) would like to advise residents of increased coyote sightings in the Antelope Valley. DACC would like to advise residents not to panic, but to be aware and take precautions.

Coyotes are attracted to urban/suburban areas by easy accessibility to food, water, and shelter. DACC recommends eliminating the availability to these elements as much as possible. Garbage can lids should be closed at all times. Pets should be fed indoors (water included) and all traces of food and water should be removed from outside areas. All windfall fruits and vegetables should be picked up daily. Cats and small dogs should not be left outdoors. Keep animals inside as much as possible. Block off crawl spaces (such as underneath decks and outbuildings) and be sure to get rid of debris and brush piles.

For more information, please contact your local animal shelter or visit our website, <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>

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